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Dear Ms. Gowanlock:

You are no doubt aware of the increasing recognition of "environmental sensitivity" as a legitimate physical condition affecting many Canadians. Within your own department, a workshop was held last May to review the nature of this illness and to discuss ways that might be devised to diagnose this disease.

I am writing you to inquire about what efforts are being taken by your department to alert the medical profession of the symptoms of this illness. Most importantly, however, I would like to know what measures will be taken to ensure that the medical community will attempt to identify the psychiatric patients whose cases remain undiagnosed and who may have environmental sensitivities.

It is likely that many sufferers of this condition are not even aware of the illness and are presently under psychiatric care. It is up to the government to ensure that those who show symptoms of the illness are tested and made aware of this condition.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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